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SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE - NUCLEAR WEAPONS

1. FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCE PREPARED FOR DEPARTMENT
SPOKESMAN JUNE 12 ON REPORTED STATEMENT OF PRESIDENT PARK
THAT ROK COULD DEVELOP NUCLEAR WEAPONS. QUOTE.

QUESTION: DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENT ON THE REPORTED STATE-
MENT OF PRESIDENT PARK THAT KOREA MAY DEVELOP A NUCLEAR
WEAPON?

ANSWER: WE HAVE SEEN THIS REPORT. I CAN ONLY COMMENT
THAT THE U.S. EXPECTS ALL NPT PARTIES TO OBSERVE THEIR
TREATY COMMITMENTS.

BACKGROUND: IN AN INTERVIEW WITH COLUMNIST ROBERT NOVAK,
PRESIDENT PARK REPORTEDLY STATED THAT KOREA HAS THE CAPA-
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BILITY TO GO NUCLEAR BUT IS NOT DEVELOPING IT AND IS HONOR-

ING THE NPT. HOWEVER, HE ADDED, "IF THE U.S. NUCLEAR
UMBRELLA WERE TO BE REMOVED, WE HAVE TO START DEVELOPING
OUR NUCLEAR CAPABILITY TO SAVE OURSELVES." UNQUOTE.

2. JUNE 12 NOON BRIEFING NOT HELD. KISSINGER

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